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SUBJECT: LSG CLAIMS AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
REF: CIRCULAR A-2021

1. YOUR ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS ISSUES.

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2. DURING THE HEARINGS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD LAST MARCH, CONGRESSMAN BROOKS, CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE, ASKED THAT CONGRESS BE PROVIDED WITH A PERIODIC REPORT ON US GOVERNMENT CLAIMS AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST AN INQUIRY WAS MADE OF ALL POSTS AND DEPARTMENT OFFICES AS WELL AS OTHER AGENCIES FOR INFORMATION ON SUCH CLAIMS. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF THE HEARINGS AND THE CLAIMS REPORT WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN EARLY JUNE. THE DISCUSSION RECORDED ON PAGES 10 AND 11 OF THE HEARINGS IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

3. CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER THE CLAIMS ISSUE AS WELL AS GENERAL ISSUES OF FOREIGN OBLIGATIONS TO THE USG IS VERY STRONG. THE ADMINISTRATION IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE

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TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS ACTIVELY PURSUING RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS INCUMBENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE IN A POSITION TO TESTIFY AT THE NEXT HEARINGS THAT IT HAS SETTLED OR IS AT LEAST ACTIVELY REVIEWING ALL OF THE CLAIMS LISTED IN THE CLAIMS REPORT. AND PURSUING AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

4. THE CLAIMS REPORT YOU WILL RECEIVE PROVIDES A SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE USG CLAIM AGAINST YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE REPORT WE ARE REQUESTING ALL AFFECTED POSTS AND DEPARTMENT OFFICES TO REVIEW THE CLAIMS TO DETERMINE WHAT PROGRESS CAN NOW BE MADE TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES. BECAUSE THE CLAIMS AND THEIR SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES ARE COMPLEX AND INVOLVE A WIDE VARIETY OF CIRCUMSTANCES, A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY APPROACH SEEMS NECESSARY. ANY FURTHER UPDATING OR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION YOU CAN PROVIDE IN ADDITION TO YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE NEXT STEP TO TAKE TO RESOLVE THE CLAIMS ISSUE AFFECTING YOUR COUNTRY WOULD BE HELPFUL. YOUR INITIAL REPLY ON THIS MATTER BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER
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